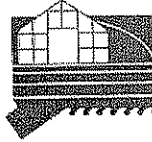


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Statement of
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General Law Committee
on

S. B. No. 132 (RAISED) AN ACT CONCERNING LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS

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Connecticut's green industry supports SB 132, An Act Concerning Landscape Architects. The bill will allow landscape architects to form professional practices with architects, professional engineers and land surveyors.

Connecticut's green industry—the 3,000 companies that grow and sell flowers, plants, trees, shrubs, annuals, perennials,—is more than half of all of agriculture in the state. The green industry contributes over \$1.1 billion in annual sales to Connecticut's economy.

The Connecticut Green Industries includes the production, sale and installation of flowers, plants, trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals, florists, greenhouses, garden centers, and landscapers. Hence, we support this proposal by the landscape architects.